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Major storm set to batter the UK tonight

7 January 2005

The Met Office has issued an [emergency flash warning](#) of exceptionally severe weather for Scotland, north and east England overnight, with winds gusting up to 90 m.p.h.

Gusts of 70 m.p.h. are expected across much of the country, but gusts across southern Scotland, northern and eastern England may reach 90 m.p.h. in places. Considerable damage to trees, some structural damage to buildings and disruption to transport is expected.

In addition, further heavy rain is expected over much of Scotland, Northern Ireland, north and west England and Wales with flooding expected in places. Heavy snow is also possible in Scotland affecting high ground for a time.

The Met Office is issuing warnings well in advance, advising the public to take extra care during this period of severe weather and more details on the forecast can be found on [our web site](#).

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